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For

METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING A DATABASE FOR MANAGING MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING INFORMATION, RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDING PROGRAM

THEREOF, AND SYSTEM

THEREFOR

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Examiner

S. McAllister :

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2001, the term for response to which expires on August 21, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 14, and 15, without prejudice, and substitute amended claims 2-6 and 13 as follows:

The method according to claim 6, wherein all 2. (Amended) of the products of the series product have common specifications.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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